

## WT Energy Committee

Minutes

6.22.21

Approved 8/10/21

Present: Richard Andre, Nicola Blake, Ron Dagostino, Geoff Freeman, Rebekah Thomson, Kate Warner.

*(absent Sue Hruby)*

1. **Minutes** of 5/25/2021 approved.

### 2. **Discussion of next presentation to Select Board**

A couple of corrections and suggestion to highlight--  
Successes, Challenges, Action Items/Solutions, Next Steps

3. **Library EV Charger** is being used. Nicola is tracking usage.

4. **Home Rule Petition** – VSEC voted to endorse for Spring Town Meetings.  
Bill Lake working on it. Modeling on work of Newton and Brookline.

### 5. **Other VSEC topics**

Will be meeting over the summer.

WT "Components of a 5 Year Plan" was mentioned.

*(We will share with other VSEC members for their review and comment/editing.)*

Richard presented information on the Vineyard Power resiliency and affordability program.

\$7.5 million over 15 years. Solar and battery program. Sell some to low income rate payers (not just Eversource R-2 customers but as a % of median income like is done for affordable housing eligibility.)

### 5. **Our Priority projects for Vineyard Power list**

Public Safety Building, Library, Fire Station 1

### 6. **Board Member Experiences with Energy**

Rebekah had to replace a dryer and in keeping with our work, wanted to convert from propane to all-electric. She had to push for that with appliance salesman. A friend did not know to think about that...

**Would it be good to have information at Crane Appliance about going all-electric and why?** *Kate will talk to Bob Crane about this idea.*

Ron is putting an addition on his house and replacing a fairly recently purchased furnace with an air-source heat pump. We may learn some things from his experience.

## **7. Upcoming Meeting Schedule**

We will do second Tuesday of the month, 8:30, via Zoom.

**Meeting adjourned 9:15.**

**Next meeting is Tuesday July 13, 8:30 am**